

February 25, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
PO Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: SCE&G's Request for a Rate Hike - ~~Docket~~ No. 2009-489-E

I am writing in regard to SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike. I oppose this rate hike, and find it comes at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the depression.

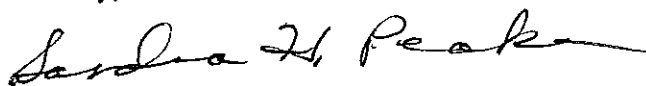
I request that you DO NOT GRANT THIS RATE HIKE TO SCE&G.

I know the following facts about SCE&G:

1. SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
2. New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
3. For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
4. SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

SCE&G, like all the other money hungry companies, needs to make cuts at the top (Chief Executive Officers, etc.).

Sincerely,



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